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RAJYA SABHA

Delayed construction projects

†4562. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

DR. D. MASTHAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that projects having construction cost to the tune of Rs. 100 crore and above pertaining to various Ministries in the country are still under construction;

(b) if so, the number of such projects under construction;

(c) whether it is a fact that the construction cost of these projects has increased on account of the delay in construction of these projects; and

(d) if so, what was the actual cost of construction of these projects and what is the approximate construction cost at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE) : (a) to (c) As on 1st March, 2001 out of 194 major projects costing Rs. 100 crores and above under implementation, 82 projects have suffered time overrun with respect to their latest commissioning schedule. The overall cost escalation of these 82 projects is 79.9% with respect to their original cost.

(d) The original approved cost of these 82 projects is Rs. 32,414.3 crores and the present anticipated cost is Rs. 58,323.1 crores.

Inflated construction cost

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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.